COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the *12th of August 1933.*
28th of Karkadagam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with M. R. Ry. P. Krishna Menon Avl. in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, A.G. Menon, K. G. Nayar, S. S. Koder, C. A. Ouseph and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

Point of order:—regarding Supplementary Questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On a point of order, Sir. For the last two days it was seen that a large number of unpleasant and inconvenient questions were left to the close so that they could not be taken during question time. I request, therefore, that this time the questions may be begun from the bottom, since it is not going to affect the business of the Council in any way.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—With regard to the supplementary agenda furnished to us there seems to be some objection as to the legality of the procedure, and with your leave I may move a point of order after questions and answers.

President.—With regard to the point of order now raised I do not think it is advisable to go against the present order, but if the Hon'ble Members themselves will pay a little more care we shall be able to finish all the questions in time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It seems to be the result of a conspiracy from the other side.

President.—No, no.

Questions and Answers.

Quarterly statement of appointments—classification of sects.

441. **Mr. K. T. Mathew**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether all the Heads of Departments have read the chapter on Religion in the Census Report, 1931; and if not, the names of those who have not read it;

(b) whether they are aware that, as there are different castes among the Hindus, there are different sects among the Christians; and if so,

(c) what is the reason for publishing the quarterly list of

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appointments in the Gazette giving the different castes among the Hindus but not the sects among the Christians;

(d) whether each Head of the Department is free to make the classification of castes and creeds as he likes in publishing the above list;

(e) whether the Government have considered the necessity or advisability of having a standardised classification of castes and creeds which every Head of the Department should follow in preparing the above list?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The Judges of the Chief Court have not read it.

(b) Government are aware that there are different sects in the Christian community.

(c) To show separately the number of appointments made from the backward and depressed classes communities. So far as the Government are aware there are no groups of the "Backward" and "Depressed Classes" in the Christian community.

(d) No.

(e) No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—On a point of order, Sir. From where are we to begin? Are we to begin from the questions which were left behind yesterday or the new questions of to-day?

President.—The new questions of to-day.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was not the business of yesterday adjourned for to-day?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—There is a ruling given already by the President.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Another point of order, Sir. Will the questions which have not been answered yesterday be printed in our proceedings?

President.—Certainly.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Those questions were not read in the Council yesterday. May I know whether it is in order to print them in the proceedings?

President.—I rule it is in order.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So those which have not been answered will be included in the proceedings?

President.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) has not been answered.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All the others except the Judges of the Chief Court have read it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it a presumption from the answer or is it an answer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is what I answered just now.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why the Judges have not read it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not possible for the Government to inquire of the Judges why they have not read it—such an important matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not necessary.

Acting hands—statement of.

442. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war list of acting hands (1) thrown out and (2) in service in each of the departments of Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Anthakara thodu—widening of—petition for.

443. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any petitions from the people of Nadamel, Thelkumbhagam and other Villages of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, praying for the widening of the "Anthakara Thodu" and opening out the same to the backwaters in the west;

(b) whether any of these petitions have been referred to the Thiruvankulam Firkh Revenue Inspector; and if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of his remarks on the same;

(c) whether any reports on this matter have been received by the Government from the Registrar of Village Panchayats; and if so, will copies of those reports be placed on the table;

(d) what action they have taken so far in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; copies of the remarks have been urgently called for.

(c) Yes; a copy of the report of the Registrar of Village Panchayats, dated 20th September 1931, C. No. 3070/1104, is placed on the table. (*Appendix II*).

(d) The drainage question is being investigated by the Public Works Department.

Canal to connect Nadamel market with the western backwaters—petition for opening.

444. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any petitions have been received by them from the people of Nadamel and adjoining villages of the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, praying for the opening of a canal connecting the Nadamel market with the western backwaters so as to

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